

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

## *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, The United States Coast Guard is this nation's oldest continuous maritime service, rich in traditions. The Coast Guard's official history began on August 4, 1790. Its motto is Semper Paratus, meaning "Always Ready;" and,

*Whereas*, The Coast Guard is one of the oldest organizations of the federal government, and until Congress established the Navy Department in 1798, it served as the nation's only armed force afloat. The Coast Guard protected the nation throughout its long history and served proudly in the majority of the nation's conflicts. The Coast Guard's national defense responsibilities remain one of its most important functions even today. As part of the Department of Homeland Security, it serves as the nation's front-line for enforcing the laws at sea, protecting the marine environment and waterways, and saving life; and,

*Whereas*, The United States Coast Guard Cutter (USCGC) Venturous (WMEC-625) was commissioned on September 12, 1968. Her motto is Nemo Supra, meaning "None Better." The Venturous has participated and led many Search and Rescue missions. It led the Top Sail in 1984. From June 1988 to May 1992, Venturous earned three Coast Guard Commendations, excelling in Alaskan patrols, aiding in the EXXON VALDEZ oil spill cleanup, and enforcing fisheries laws; and,

*Whereas*, Today the USCGC Venturous continues Her service to the American public, working closely with other Caribbean nations pursuing narcotics traffickers as well as rescuing and repatriating illegal migrants throughout the Caribbean Sea, the Northern Atlantic Ocean, and the Gulf of Mexico; and,

*Whereas*, The USCGC Venturous past crew members have chosen to celebrate with a reunion in the great state of South Dakota on July 14, 2015, at the center of the nation in Belle Fourche; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this special occasion:

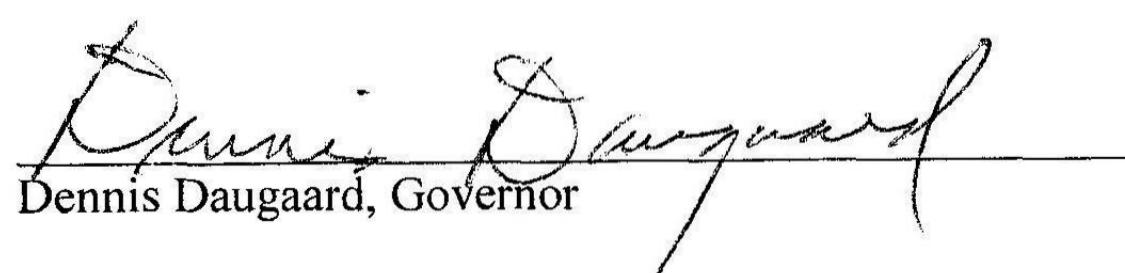
*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 14, 2015, as

### **USCGC VENTUROUS REUNION DAY**

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

  
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State